

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name: Data Synthesis Workgroup

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 8, 2005
2:30 – 4:30 pm

Location: MPHI Interactive Learning Center, Room B, Okemos

Present: Beth Ainsworth, Elaine Beane, Dale Carlson, Marcus Cheatham, Robert Mosher, Marti Kay Sherry, Bob Stampfly, Adreanne Waller, DeAnna Warren, Betsy Wasilevich, Traci Wightman

Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Results
Update from Marti Kay Sherry on Employer Survey & Focus Groups	Employer Survey – 10% response rate; or 20% response rate for those contacted Focus Groups: Marquette – 5 individuals w/ insurance, 1 w/o insurance Sault Ste Marie: Proposed doing telephone interviews instead of focus groups for the following regions: Southeast, Saginaw, Tawas	DSWG members made a variety of suggestions to increase attendance at Focus Groups. Some members volunteered to contact business organizations in their area, and others asked their own organization's leadership to become involved. MPHI-CRHOP staff thanked members for their assistance. An update on the telephone interviews is requested.
Presentation on Washtenaw County Health Status by Adreanne Waller, Washtenaw Health Department	Safety Net & Health Care Capacity Recommendations from Report: -providers accept fair share of demand -State try to increase Medicaid Reimbursement	DSWG members should download the full report. This is an example of reports on the Healthcare Safety Net in Michigan. The DSWG thanks Ms. Waller for her presentation and for beginning the process of the safety net "scan" assigned to the Workgroup.
Discussion of Data Request Process	Copies of current data request forms, the compilation of all data requests, and response forms showing efforts to fulfill the data requests were distributed. The process has been structured to deal with data requests in an organized and prioritized manner.	DSWG members were requested to review the forms and the compilation of requests, and look for data requests that are targeted to their expertise and experience.
Group Review of Data Requests	The data request compilation form was reviewed for current (unfulfilled) and past (completed) data requests.	Several DSWG members identified data requests that were appropriate for their engagement in supplying information. Responses will be sent to MDCH project staff and to the DSWG facilitator.

Review of Articles in Handout	The “course-pack” for this meeting includes articles on federal spending on the safety net, Medicaid budgets and state policy initiatives (HMA for Kaiser), insurance coverage & economic conditions, Michigan healthcare costs (Altarum), and media discussions of Michigan economic problems and healthcare insurance effects	DSWG members were asked to review the handout materials with the goal of incorporating this information into the upcoming plan for the Michigan Safety Net scan.
Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm		December meeting is scheduled for Dec. 13, 2005 at MPHI Interactive Learning Center, 2:30 – 4:30 pm

Submitted by:

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